From Bill on the email list : ~28th Jan 2019.

To give a bit of history of Laser310 in China in 80's:

"Software" was a popular bi-weekly journal in 80's for at least 10-15 years.. It mainly focused on PC and Apple II, Laser310 was only a small part of its coverage.

I think there were at least a few thousands of Laser310 unit sold in mainland China, mainly in elementary schools, middle schools for education purposes and families with future envisions.. System B, Monitor and some other softwares were developed and popular in late 80's. Two Chinese language (with built in Chinese font in EPROM) cards were developed by two startup companies. Both required buyers had to mod their unit for high resolution first with a 6264 RAM and few logic chips. With these Chinese cards, the default display and command line interface were forced to work in graphic mode, one could input Chinese, search, index and print to screen/pp-40 from Basic program.

Both cards offered ext Basic, reenabled the hidden Basic functions. At least one card had integrated dBase, full screen editor with Chinese language support, Logo and z80 monitor etc.

There were no known Laser310 users group in 80's, at least I didn't know any. There is currently a retro Laser310 group with 30 active users on QQ, a Chinese Whatsapp app on cellphone.

The goal of the QQ retro Laser310 group is to recovery old programs from soon be gone cassettes, search for Laser310 Chinese card from vintage computer market, discuss technical details and recreate Laser310 on FPGA evaluation boards.

The Laser310 on FPGA code is close to stable. I have added a few screen recording in repo/doc/screen recording folder. I will make a youtube video over the weekend to demonstrate some features.

It currently supports over clocking to 20 MHz by flipping sw0, loading VZ/WAV from line input and serial port. Mount DOS ROM from flash from sw1, zzemu will commit his High resolution code with 64K RAM card soon.